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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/904,512
Applicants: Masaaki EHARA, et al.
Filing Date: July 16, 2001
For: HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT FOR A CRANE
Group Art Unit: 3745
Examiner: LOPEZ, F.

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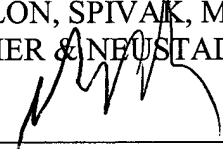
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 w/attachments

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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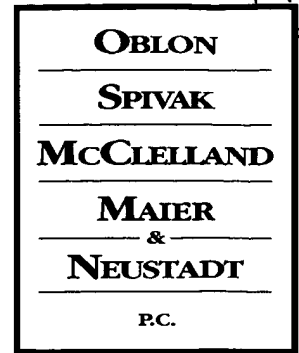

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Applicants herein petition the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority to require the Examiner to consider the prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 19, 2002.

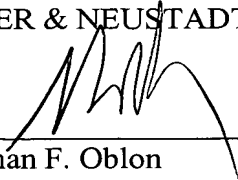
An Information Disclosure Statement in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98 was filed on February 19, 2002. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the cited prior art and a date-stamped filing receipt are attached. The above-referenced application has now been allowed. The prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement was never acknowledged or made of record by the Examiner.

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Although Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for the present petition,
any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

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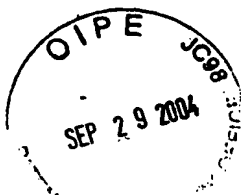
The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☐ pp. Specification & Claims/Drawings Sheets
- ☐ Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney pages
- ☐ List of Inventor Names and Addresses
- ☐ Utility Patent Application ☐ CPA
- ☐ Notice of Priority ☐ Priority Doc
- ☐ Check for ☒ Dep. Acct. Order Form
- ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
- ☐ Assignment/PTO-1595 pages:
- ☐ Letter to Official Draftsman
- ☐ Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Drawings sheets ☐ Formal
- ☐ Letter
- ☐ Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☒ PTO-1449
- ☒ Cited References (4)
- ☒ EUROPEAN Search Report
- ☐ Statement of Relevancy
- ☐ English Abstracts, Concise Explanation, English Translation, Partial English Translation ()
- ☐ IDS/Related/List of Related Cases ☐ Cited Pending Applications ()
- ☐ Restriction Response ☐ Election Response
- ☐ Rule 132 Declaration
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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